तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की उत्पादन लागत

4260. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की उत्पादन लागत को कम करने हेतु कोई योजना/प्रस्ताव तैयार करने का विचार रखती है ; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) विकसित देशों की तुलना में भारत में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की उत्पादन लागत का प्रतिशत क्या है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) तेल एवं गैस उत्पादन लागत में कमी करने के लिये उठाये गये कदमों में अधिकतम अध्ययनों के माध्यम से रसायन खपत पर नियंत्रण, कार्य निष्पादन क्षमता में वृद्धि टैंकरों के स्थान पर पाइपलाइन परिवहन का प्रयोग, जहां व्यवहार्य हो वहां बहुसंपूर्ण प्रणाली का प्रयोग, एक स्थान पर कलस्टर वेधन, अनुप्रस्थ वेधन, आदि सम्मिलित हैं ।

(ख) एक क्षेत्र से दूसरे क्षेत्र में और एक देश से दूसरे देश में उत्पादन लागतें भंडार एवं इसके स्थैतिक लक्ष्यों की विविधता गहराई आदि के आधार पर भिन्न होती है । इस संबंध में सूचना नहीं रखी जाती है ।

Complaints against gas agency in Ferozepur Punjab

4261. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government have requested Government of India for suspension/cancellation of a gas agency in Ferozpur on account of various complaints and lapses committed by the gas agency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaints against M/S. Mandeep Gas Service, Ferozepur, Punjab regarding alleged malpractices and irregularities have been investigated by M/s. Indian Oil Corporation and further action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines is contemplated.

Execution of orders by M/s P. J. Pipes and vessels

4262. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred question 328 in the Rajya Sabha on 25.11.1992 and state :

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission have further extended the date from 30.11.1992 for the execution of each of the orders by M/s. P.J. Pipes and Vessels Ltd., Bombay, referred to in part (a) of Unstarred Question 1370, replied in the Rajya Sabha on 22.7.1992;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such extension;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what is the quantity so far supplied by the Company to ONGC and the details of quantity to be supplied by the Company in respect of each of the outstanding orders;

(d) what are the details of outstanding dues of ONGC against the said Company as on 28.2.1993; and

(e) what steps have so far been taken by ONGC for its recovery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Extension in delivery period with imposition of liquidaetd damages has been granted up to 15-4-93 in respect of each of the three orders referred t o in part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 1370 dated 22.7.92.

(b) The rates authorised to P.J. Pipes against these three orders are still economical compared to the rates received against tenders finanlised in November, 1992 for similar pipes.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Advances outstanding against 3 orders for which extension was granted is Rs. 70,34,613 and interest of Rs. 14,60,369 as on 28.2.1993.

(e) Advances with interest are recovered from the invoices against supplies made from time to time. For these advances bank guarantees are also available which can be invoked in case further supplies are not made.

Extension of service of officials in ONGC and GAIL

4263. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Statesman', Delhi dated the 11th March, 1993 under the caption "For services rendered..;'

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether extension of service of officials has been granted;

(d) if so, the names of such officials in ONGC and GAIL; and

(e) what are the details of demi-officials letters as mentioned in the said newsitem/write-up of the Statesman dated the 11th March, 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Extension of service has not been granted to any official of ONGC/GAIL.

(e) The d.o. letter of 23.12.1989 had advised ONGC/GAIL/OIL not to give any further business to the consortium of firms that functioned in the name of M/s. Sumitomo Corporation.

Conversion of ONGC into Public Limited Company

4264. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the move to convert the ONGC into a public limited company would help the unit to achieve its crude production targets which may fall drastically this year necessitating import of crude by spending hard cash; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The decision to convert ONGC into a public limited company would enable ONGC to function more efficiently and give it flexibility to raise resources. This should eventually enable it to perform better to meet its production targets.

Transportation of goods in South-Eastern railways

4265. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of targets fixed for passenger and goods transportation in S. E. Railways during